Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-10 (Canceled).

11 (Currently amended). An aural user interface for interactively navigating through a collection of data organized into at least one hierarchical set of data and from an arbitrary set of data within said hierarchical structure, said interface comprising

(a)   a first input for navigating upward through said hierarchical structure;

(b)   a second input for navigating downward through said hierarchical structure;

(c)   a first aural signal associated with said first input having a first characteristic indicating to a user upward navigation through said hierarchical structure from an arbitrary data point, said first characteristic independent of the set of data from which upward navigation commences;

(d)   a second aural signal associated with said second input having a second characteristic audibly different than said first audio characteristic indicating to a user downward navigation through said hierarchical structure from said arbitrary data point, said second characteristic independent of the set of data from which downward navigation commences[.] ;

(e)   a frequency range associated with said first aural signal that is dependent on the size of the data set comprising the hierarchical set of data;

(f)   a frequency range associated with said second aural signal that is
        dependent on the size of the data set comprising the hierarchical
        set of data.

12 (Previously presented). The aural user interface of claim 11 where said first and second inputs are respective buttons.

13 (Previously presented). The aural interface of claim 11 where said first and second inputs are opposite sides of a rocker switch.

14 (Previously presented). The aural interface of claim 13 where constant depression of a selective side of said rocker switch causes continuous, incremental navigation through said hierarchical structure in the respective direction associated with the depressed said side.

15 (Previously presented). The aural user interface of claim 11 including a third aural signal indicating to a user that an outer boundary of said hierarchical structure has been reached.

16 (Previously presented). The aural user interface of claim 11 where said first characteristic is identical to said second characteristic.

17 (Previously presented). The aural user interface of claim 11 where each of said first and second aural signals have a location characteristic indicating to a user the relative position within said hierarchical structure of the selected set of data.

18 (Previously presented). The aural user interface of claim 17 where said location characteristic is the frequency of said first and second characteristics, respectively.

19 (Previously presented). The aural user interface of claim 11 wherein said collection of data is organized into a plurality of levels, each level including an associated hierarchical structure.

20 (Previously presented). The aural user interface of claim 19 including a third aural signal indicating to a user navigation to a different level.

21 (Currently amended). An aural user interface for interactively navigating through a collection of data organized into a plurality of levels, each said level including a set of data associated with a respective said level, said interface comprising:

    (a)   a first input for navigating from a current level to a sublevel of said current level;

    (b)   a second input for navigating from a current sublevel of a level to said level;

    (c)   a first aural signal associated with said first input having a first characteristic indicating to a user navigation from a current level to a sublevel of said current level, said first characteristic independent of the level from which said navigation commences;

    (d)   a second aural signal associated with said second input having a second characteristic audibly different than said first audio characteristic indicating to said user navigation from said sublevel of said current level to said current level, said second characteristic independent of the sublevel from which said navigation commences[.] ;

    (e)   a frequency range associated with said first aural signal that is dependent on the size of the data set comprising the respective said level;

    (f)   a frequency range associated with said second aural signal that is dependent on the size of the data set comprising the respective said sublevel.

22 (Previously presented). The aural user interface of claim 21 where said first and second inputs are respective buttons.

23 (Previously presented). The aural interface of claim 21 where said first and second inputs are opposite sides of a rocker switch.

24 (Previously presented). The aural interface of claim 23 where constant depression of a selective side of said rocker switch causes continuous, incremental navigation through said plurality of levels in the respective direction associated with the depressed said side.

25 (Previously presented). The aural user interface of claim 21 including a third aural signal indicating to a user that an outer boundary of said plurality of levels has been reached.

26 (Previously presented). The aural user interface of claim 21 where said first characteristic is identical to said second characteristic.

27 (Previously presented). The aural user interface of claim 21 where each of said first and second aural signals have a location characteristic indicating to a user the relative position within said plurality of levels.

28 (Previously presented). The aural user interface of claim 27 where said location characteristic is the frequency of said first and second characteristics, respectively.

29 (Previously presented). The aural user interface of claim 11 wherein each of said plurality of levels contains data organized into a respective hierarchical structure.

30 (Previously presented). The aural user interface of claim 29 including a third and fourth aural signals indicating to a user upward and downward navigation, respectively, through the hierarchical structure associated with each said level.